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**BIOACTIVITY** 

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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In the Claims

Cancel claims 1-27.

Please amend claims 28, 29 and 30 as follows:

28. (Amended) An antibody capable of selectively binding to a modified chemokine [according to claim 1] characterized by the truncation of from 2 to 8 amino acids from the amino terminus of the corresponding mature chemokine wherein the mature chemokine is wherein the mature chemokine is selected from the group consisting of KC, gro-β, gro-γ, and gro-α, consisting of the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1, respectively; and

wherein the modified chemokine has at least a log higher biological activity than the corresponding mature chemokine.

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